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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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LYONS PARTNERSHIP, L.P. AND :
HIT ENTERTAINMENT, INC., :
Plaintiffs, :
:
v. : Civil Action No.
: 07 -CV- 7121 (JUDGE STANTON)
PARTY ART PRODUCTIONS, INC., :
ROBERT HERMAN, PHILIP HERMAN, : ANSWER & AFFIRMATIVE
PARTY POOPERS, INC., MARLA MASE, : DEFENSES
57TH STREET PARTY CORP., D/B/A
SAVE THE DATE, JENNIFER GILBERT,
THE MAGIC AGENCY INC., SHELLEY
CARROLL, ERIC SILVEY D/B/A
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ENTERTAINMENT,

Defendants :
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Defendants, Party Art Productions, Inc., Roberta Herman and Philip Herman (hereinafter collectively "Party Art" or "Defendants") by their undersigned attorneys, as and for their Answer to the Complaint hereby state as follows:

1. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Complaint.

2. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

3. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of the Complaint.

4. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 4 of the Complaint.

5. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

6. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

7. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

8. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

9a. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 9a of the Complaint, Defendants admit that Party Art Productions, Inc. is a New York corporation with its principal place of business at 51 Brandt Road, Hillburn, NY. Defendants deny the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 9a of the Complaint.

9b. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 9b of the Complaint, Defendants admit that Roberta Herman and Philip Herman are officers of Party Art Productions, Inc. Defendants deny the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 9b of the Complaint.

10. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

11. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 11 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

12. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

13. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information

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14. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

15. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

16. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 16 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

17. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

18. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

19. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information

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20. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 20 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

21. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 21 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

22. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 22 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

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24. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 24 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

25. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 25 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information

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26. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 26 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

27. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 27 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

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30. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 30 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

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50. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 50 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

51. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 51 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

52. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 52 of the Complaint, Defendants admit that in April 2006, they received a settlement demand package, containing a draft of this Complaint. Defendants deny the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph 52 of the Complaint.

53. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 53 of the Complaint.

54. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 54 of the Complaint.

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56. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 56 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations

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67. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 67 of the Complaint.

68. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 68 of the Complaint.

69. Defendants repeat and incorporate herein all of the above responses, as if set forth in full.

70. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 70 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

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89. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 89 of the Complaint.

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96. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 96 of the Complaint.

97. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 97 of the Complaint.

98. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 98 of the Complaint.

99. Defendants repeat and incorporate herein all of the above responses, as if set forth in full.

100. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 100 of the Complaint.

101. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 101 of the Complaint.

102. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 102 of the Complaint.

103. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph

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104. Defendants repeat and incorporate herein all of the above responses, as if set forth in full.

105. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 105 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

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125. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 125 of the Complaint.

126. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 126 of the Complaint.

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128. With respect to the allegations contained in Paragraph 128 of the Complaint, Defendants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the veracity of the allegations therein, thus Defendants deny those allegations.

129. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 129 of the Complaint.

130. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 130 of the Complaint.

131. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 131 of the Complaint.

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134. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 134 of the Complaint.

135. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 135 of the Complaint.

136. Defendants deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 136 of the Complaint.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs' Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted and Defendants' reserve the right to move at or before the time of trial to dismiss all or some portion of same.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants have never advertised, purchased, offered, sold, or sent a costume looking like, or called "Bob the Builder".

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants do not offer or sell characters, Defendants offer and provide caricatures.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants do not possess and have never possessed any costumes, or offered them for sale to anyone.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants' did not breach any legal duty owed to Plaintiffs.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiff's Complaint does not state a claim because defendants do not use the alleged copyrights, trade names and trademarks, the use of which is alleged to be the cause of damage to the plaintiffs.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs are barred from recovery by operation of the doctrine of laches.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs are barred from recovery for failure to mitigate damages.

NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs are barred from recovery by operation of the doctrine of collateral estoppel.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs multiple requests for relief are barred by the doctrine of election of remedy.

ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs are barred from recovery by operation of the

doctrine of estoppel.

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TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs' actions are barred by the Doctrine of Unclean Hands.

THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs are barred from recovery by operation of the doctrine of waiver.

FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants' breached no duty or obligation of any kind whether arising from common law, statute, contract, tort or otherwise.

FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The relief requested by Plaintiffs are contrary to public policy, and therefore unavailable at equity or law.

SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Any and all alleged damages sustained by Plaintiffs were caused by third persons over whom the Defendants have no control.

SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Defendants' owed no legal duty to Plaintiffs.

EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs' claims under federal law fail as there is no

likelihood of confusion because the respective marks are not confusingly similar and/or the services of the parties are non-competitive and unrelated.

NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Pursuant to the Copyright Act, Defendants' maximum liability in this action is \$200.

TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

If Plaintiffs were injured or damaged as claimed, such injury or damage was caused by the culpable conduct of Plaintiffs, and was not caused by Defendants.

TWENTY FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

If Plaintiffs were injured or damaged as claimed, such injury or damage was caused by the culpable conduct of third parties, and was not caused by Defendants.

TWENTY SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Plaintiffs' claims are barred by their bad faith and those of their agents.

WHEREFORE, the Defendants demand:

A. That Plaintiffs' complaint be dismissed and Plaintiffs be ordered to pay the cost, charges and disbursements, including

reasonable attorney's fees, incurred in the defense of this action.

JURY DEMAND

Defendants hereby demand a trial by jury as to all issues so triable.

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